has to go and pilot a Bill in the Lok Sabha. But please send some Minister here.

SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN: Madam, here I want to submit one thing only. With regard to the Zero Hour, I quite agree with what the hon. Members have submitted. Though there is no rule or convention, I will pass on the information. I have taken down notes of what the hon. Members have spoken so far. I will pass on the information to the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs who may give a sufficient response. ...(*Interruptions*)... When I am available here, I can pass on the information. That is what I can do. For the days that I am not available, I cannot say anything.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, if the House so agrees, we can allow him to move his Bill and clear it so that he can go to the Lok Sabha.

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## THE SEAMEN'S PROVIDENT FUND (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1996

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): Madam, I beg to move:

That the following amendments made by the Lok Sabha in the Seamen's Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill, 1996, be taken into consderation, namely:—

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1. Page 1, line 1, *for* 'Forty-seventh'
*Substitute 'Forty-eighth'*

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2. Page 1, line 4,—
*for* '1996' *substitute* '*1997*'

*The question was put and the motion was adopted.*

SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN: Madam, I beg to move:

The the amendments made by the Lok Sabha in the Bill be agreed to.

*The question was put and the motion was adopted.*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Dr. Alladi P. Rajkumar. ...(*Interruptions*)... Some Zero Hour. It is one and the same thing. On my paper here sometimes it is Zero Hour, sometimes it is Special Mentions. I don't differentiate between Zero Hour and Speical Mentions. ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI (Rajasthan): But Zero Hour is not reported in the Bulletin—Part—I. Only Special Mentions are mentioned. When they are with your permission, they ought to be mentioned.

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## RE – INTELLIGENCE BUREAU'S INABILITY IN D.R.D.O. SPY CASE

DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR (ANDHRA PRADESH): Madam, I am raising a serious issue. This is about spying in the Defence Research and Development Organisation in Hyderabad.

On May 2, 1997, officials of the Intelligence Bureau and the City Policy of Hyderabad intercepted, and subsequently arrested, one Mr. Srinivasulu, a Scientist in the DRDO on charges of spying. The IB officials reportedly seized soem floppy disks and documents which contained coded information about scientific activities in the DRDO and its wings. Madam, it has been stated that Srinivasulu left the DRDO, and the country, without resigning his job. He is also stated to have obtained a passport without meeting the stipulation of no-obection certificate from the employer. It has, however, been stated by the DRDO authorities that Srinivasulu was not with the Organisation. An official of the Organisation is stated to have said, "We have checked up our records. No one by that name is with us since 1991." But there was no explanation on how Srinivasulu managed to collect the inside information. Since the matter involves the security of the country, it needs to be